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To: Examiner Willmon Friddie, Jr.

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Re: Application No.: 09/960,599

**For: COIN-DISCRIMINATOR VOUCHER ANTI-COUNTERFEITING METHOD
AND APPARATUS**

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Dear Examiner Friddie, as discussed:

25. A method for providing a voucher in a coin discriminator, the method comprising:

placing visible marks on a substrate with a marking medium, wherein the visible marks have a first appearance on the substrate, but wherein a photocopy of the visible marks has a second appearance, different from the first appearance;

in the coin discriminator, printing indicia on the substrate, wherein the indicia indicate a value; and

dispensing the printed substrate from the coin discriminator, wherein the printed substrate is redeemable for the value indicated by the indicia in exchange for at least one of cash and merchandise.

26. The method of claim 25, further comprising:

receiving a plurality of coins from a user; and

counting the coins to arrive at a total, wherein the value indicated by the indicia printed on the substrate is related to the total.

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27. The method of claim 25, further comprising:
receiving a plurality of coins from a user; and
counting the coins to arrive at a total, wherein the value indicated by the indicia printed on the substrate is related to the total but is less than the total.
28. The method of claim 25, further comprising locating the coin discriminator in a retail establishment, wherein the voucher is redeemable for at least one of cash and merchandise in the retail establishment where the coin discriminator is located.
29. The method of claim 25 wherein printing indicia on the substrate includes printing a bar code on the substrate.
30. The method of claim 25 wherein printing indicia on the substrate includes printing an encrypted form of the value on the substrate.
31. The method of claim 25 wherein the substrate includes thermal paper.
32. The method of claim 25 wherein the marking medium includes fluorescent ink.
33. A voucher for use with a coin discriminator, the voucher comprising:
a substrate;
a visible mark placed on the substrate with a marking medium, wherein the visible mark has a first appearance on the substrate, but wherein a photocopy of the visible mark has a second appearance, different from the first appearance; and
indicia placed on the substrate, wherein the indicia indicate a value for which the printed substrate can be redeemed in exchange for at least one of cash and merchandise.

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34. The voucher of claim 33 wherein the coin discriminator is configured to receive a plurality of coins from a user and count the coins to arrive at a total, and wherein the value indicated by the indicia placed on the substrate is related to the total.

35. The voucher of claim 33 wherein the coin discriminator is configured to receive a plurality of coins from a user and count the coins to arrive at a total, and wherein the value indicated by the indicia placed on the substrate is related to the total but is less than the total.

36. The voucher of claim 33 wherein the indicia placed on the substrate includes a bar code.

37. The voucher of claim 33 wherein the indicia placed on the substrate includes an encrypted form of the value for which the printed substrate is redeemable.

38. The voucher of claim 33 wherein the substrate includes thermal paper.

39. The voucher of claim 33 wherein the marking medium includes fluorescent ink.

40. A voucher for use with a coin discriminator, the voucher configured to assist in distinguishing unauthorized duplicate or counterfeit vouchers, the voucher comprising:

a substrate having at least first indicia, wherein the first indicia indicate a value of the voucher; and

a plurality of perforations in the substrate, wherein the plurality of perforations define a curved pattern.

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41. The voucher of claim 40, wherein the curved pattern includes a radius of curvature less than about 0.5 inch.

42. The voucher of claim 40 wherein the perforations include microperforations.

43. The voucher of claim 40 wherein the indicia includes a bar code.

44. The voucher of claim 40 wherein the indicia includes an encrypted form of the value.

45. A system for providing a redeemable voucher, the system comprising:

means for receiving a plurality of coins from a user;

means for counting the plurality of coins to arrive at a total;

means for placing visible marks on a substrate with a marking medium, wherein the visible marks have a first appearance on the substrate, but wherein a photocopy of the visible marks has a second appearance, different from the first appearance;

means for printing indicia on the substrate, wherein the indicia indicate a value related to the total of coins counted; and

means for dispensing the substrate to the user, wherein the substrate is redeemable for the value indicated by the indicia in exchange for at least one of cash and merchandise.

46. The system of claim 45 wherein the means for printing indicia on the substrate include means for printing indicia that indicate a value that is related to the total but is less than the total.

47. The system of claim 45 wherein the means for printing indicia on the substrate include means for printing a bar code on the substrate.

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48. The system of claim 45 wherein the means for printing indicia on the substrate include means for printing an encrypted form of the value on the substrate.